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DAREDEVIL



WHEN MATT MURDOCK WAS A KID, HE LOST HIS SIGHT IN AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING A TRUCK CARRYING RADIOACTIVE CHEMICALS. THOUGH HE COULD NO LONGER SEE, THE CHEMICALS HEIGHTENED MURDOCK'S OTHER SENSES AND IMBUED HIM WITH AN AMAZING 360° RADAR SENSE. NOW MATT USES HIS ABILITIES TO FIGHT FOR HIS CITY. HE IS THE *MAN WITHOUT FEAR*. HE IS...

DAREDEVIL

WILSON FISK, A.K.A. THE KINGPIN, HAS USED HIS POWER AS MAYOR OF NEW YORK TO OUTLAW SUPER HEROES. SEEKING TO KEEP HIS ENEMIES CLOSE, FISK MADE MATT MURDOCK HIS DEPUTY MAYOR.

AS DAREDEVIL, MATT ASSEMBLED A TEAM OF HEROES TO EXPOSE FISK'S ILLICIT DEALINGS. BUT WHILE STAKING OUT A MEET-UP ARRANGED BY THE KINGPIN AND THE CITY'S MOST NOTORIOUS CRIMINALS, THE HEROES WERE CAPTURED IN A STING BY FISK'S FORCES. DAREDEVIL MANAGED TO ESCAPE AND CONFRONT FISK, ONLY TO BE DECEIVED AGAIN AND BRUTALLY SUBDUED.

TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE, THE HAND HAS ATTACKED! THEIR FIRST TARGET: THE KINGPIN! WITH FISK DOWN FOR THE COUNT, AND DUE TO A RECENT CHANGE IN THE ORDER OF SUCCESSION, MATT MURDOCK IS NOW THE MAYOR OF NEW YORK CITY!

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CENTRAL PARK.

ALL
AVAILABLE
UNITS RESPOND TO
MULTIPLE 10-24WS IN
PROGRESS IN AND
AROUND UNION
SQUARE.

SUSPECTS
ARE DESCRIBED
AS...AS NINJAS.
ARMED WITH MELEE
WEAPONS--USE
EXTREME
CAUTION.

BACKUP
REQUESTED AT
53RD AND FIFTH--WE'RE
RUNNING ESCORT ON THE
AMBULANCE WITH MAYOR
FISK. THESE THINGS
ARE SWARMING
US.

THEY'RE
COMING AT US
FROM ALL SIDES,
LEAPING OFF THE BUILDINGS!
THEY TOOK OUT ONE OF OUR
UNITS WITH THROWING
STARS, FOR GOD'S
SAKZZZCK--

THIS IS A
CITYWIDE A.P.B. FOR
MATTHEW MURDOCK.
REPEAT--ALL UNITS BE ON
THE LOOKOUT FOR MATTHEW
MURDOCK. CAUCASIAN,
RED HAIR, SIX FEET
TALL, BLIND.

UH, JUST TO
CLARIFY, DISPATCH...
YOU MEAN THE DEPUTY
MAYOR? WHAT THE
HELL DID HE
DO?

NOTHING.
BUT WITH WILSON
FISK OUT OF
ACTION...

...MATT
MURDOCK IS
THE MAYOR OF
NEW YORK
CITY.

The
Mayor.

I'm the
Mayor.

I'm the
Mayor of *New
York City*.

My city...

...is my
city.

I have to
get out of
here.

These aren't
regular handcuffs.
They're stronger.

Must be
designed for
people with
powers.

Locking
mechanism's
much more
complex, too.
Don't think I
can vibrate it
open.

So it's about
power. One
big jolt.

Still hurting from that
beating I took from
Fisk--set it aside.

Focus.

Go
deep.

Every muscle.
Every muscle
fiber.

The Hand has
invaded your
city, Matt.

Go save it.



Damn.

Just...rest for
a second. Rest,
and try again.

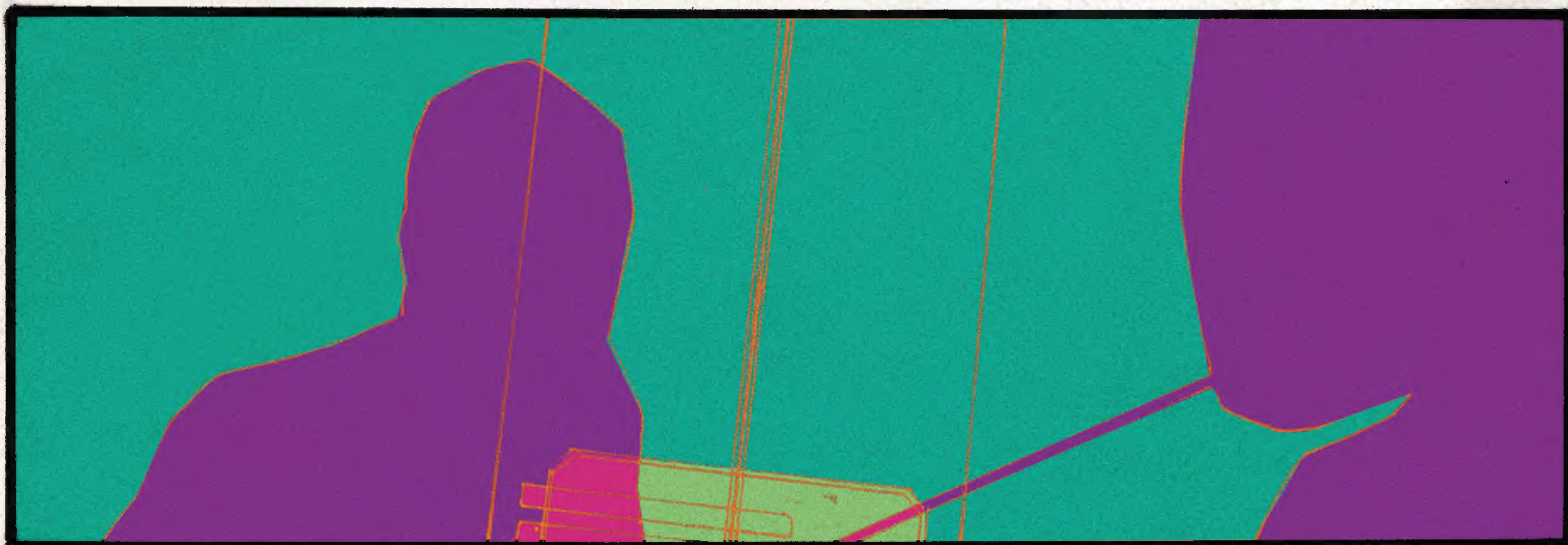
Everything
breaks
eventually.
Everyth--

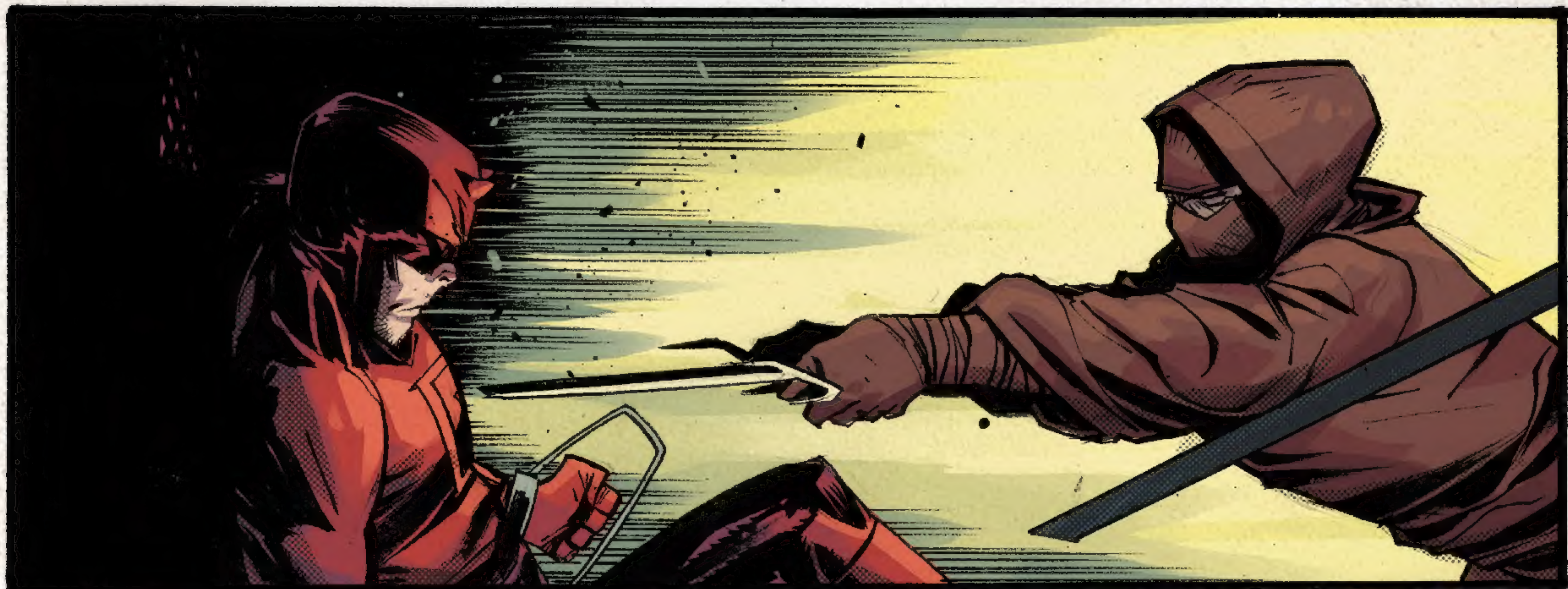
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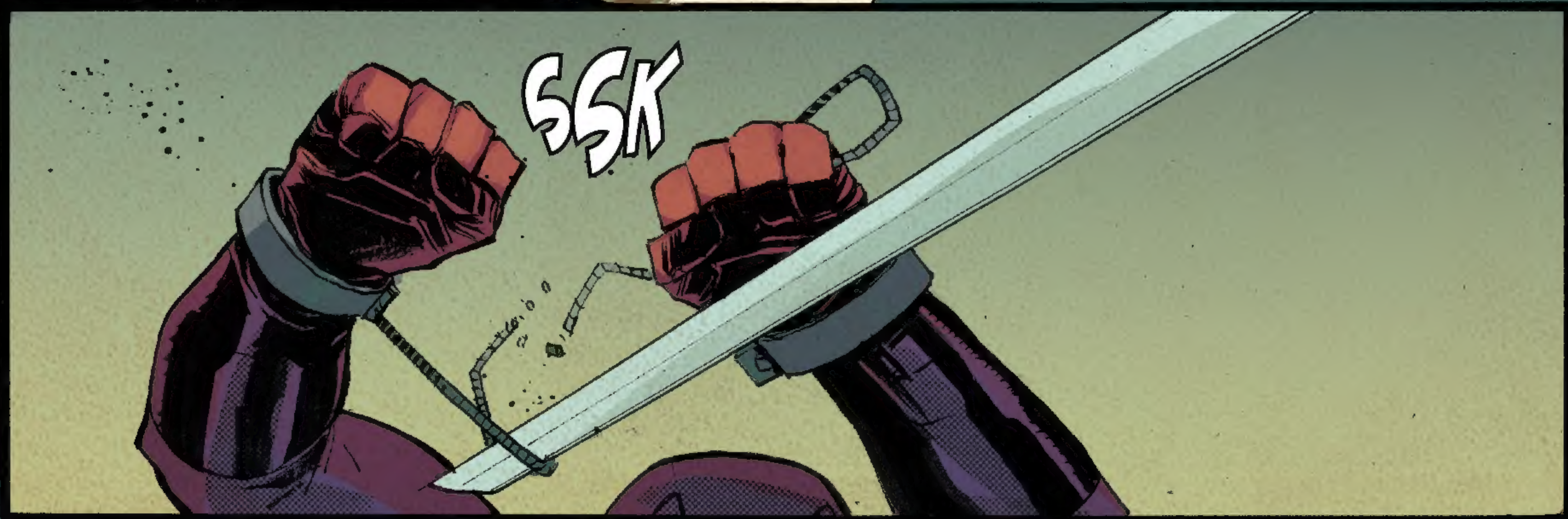
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that?

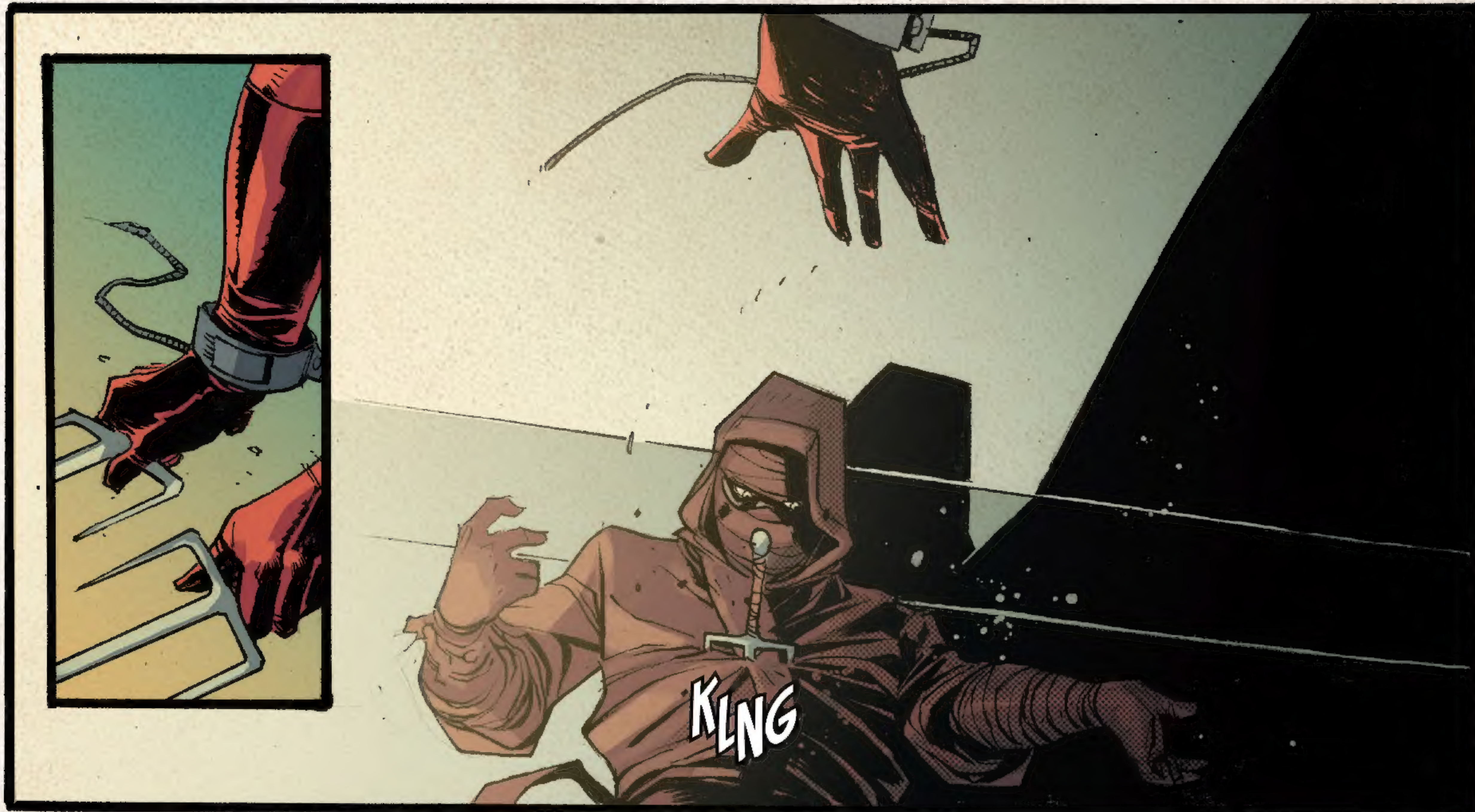
Can't get many
details--just...
exhausted. But it
has to be the
officers who put
me in here.

Good.

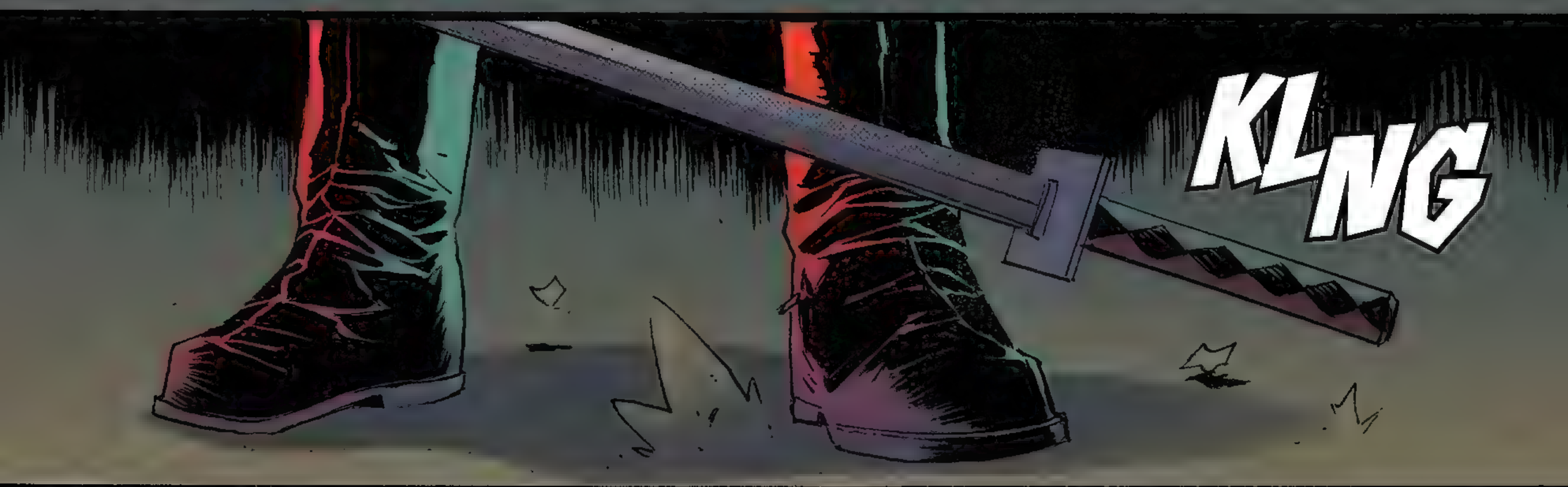












CITY HALL.

"I DON'T CARE WHAT THE CITY CHARTER SAYS, COMMISSIONER."

"THERE IS NO WAY MAYOR FISK WOULD ALLOW MATT MURDOCK TO BE IN CONTROL OF THIS CITY."

"IF THAT'S THE CASE, WESLEY, THEN I HAVE A QUESTION."

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR.

WHY IN GOD'S NAME DID FISK CHOOSE MURDOCK AS HIS DEPUTY MAYOR?

IT WAS... HE HAD NO IDEA THIS WAS A POSSIBILITY, OR HE'D NEVER HAVE DONE IT.

AND THIS IS ALL JUST A TECHNICALITY. THE DEPUTY MAYOR DOESN'T SUCCEED THE MAYOR-- IT'S THE PUBLIC ADVOCATE!

EXCEPT ACCORDING TO STEVE, HERE!

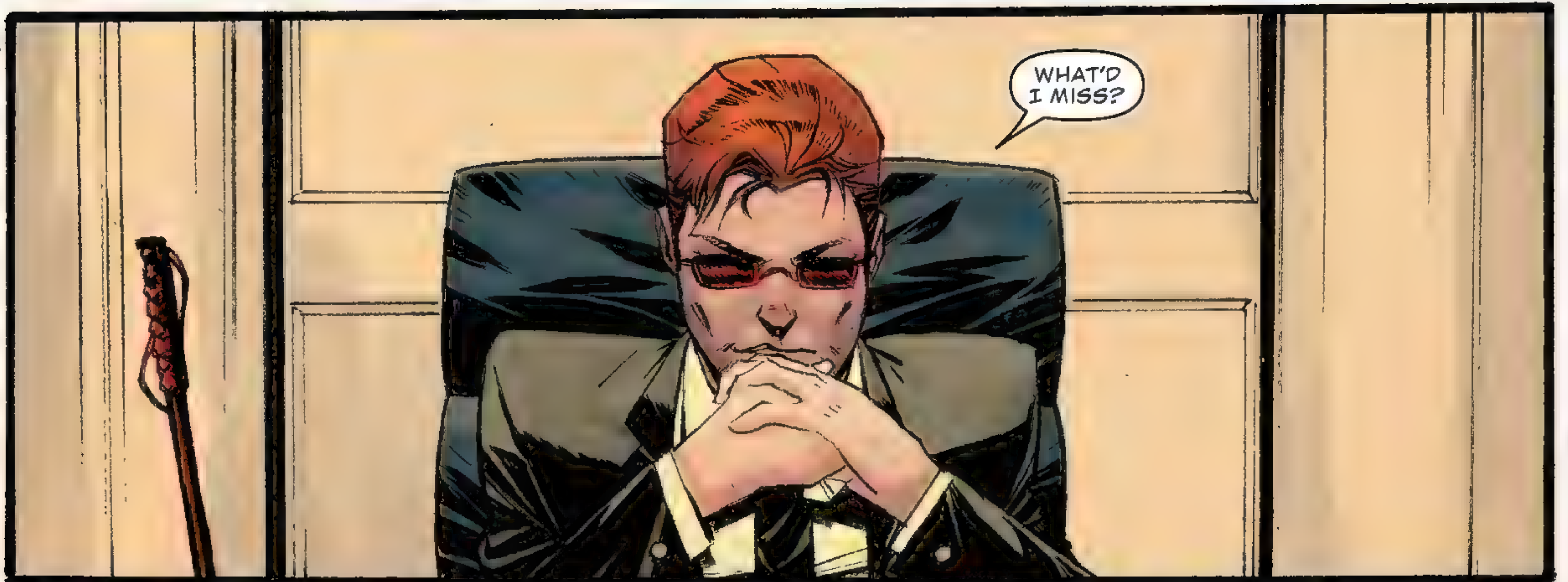
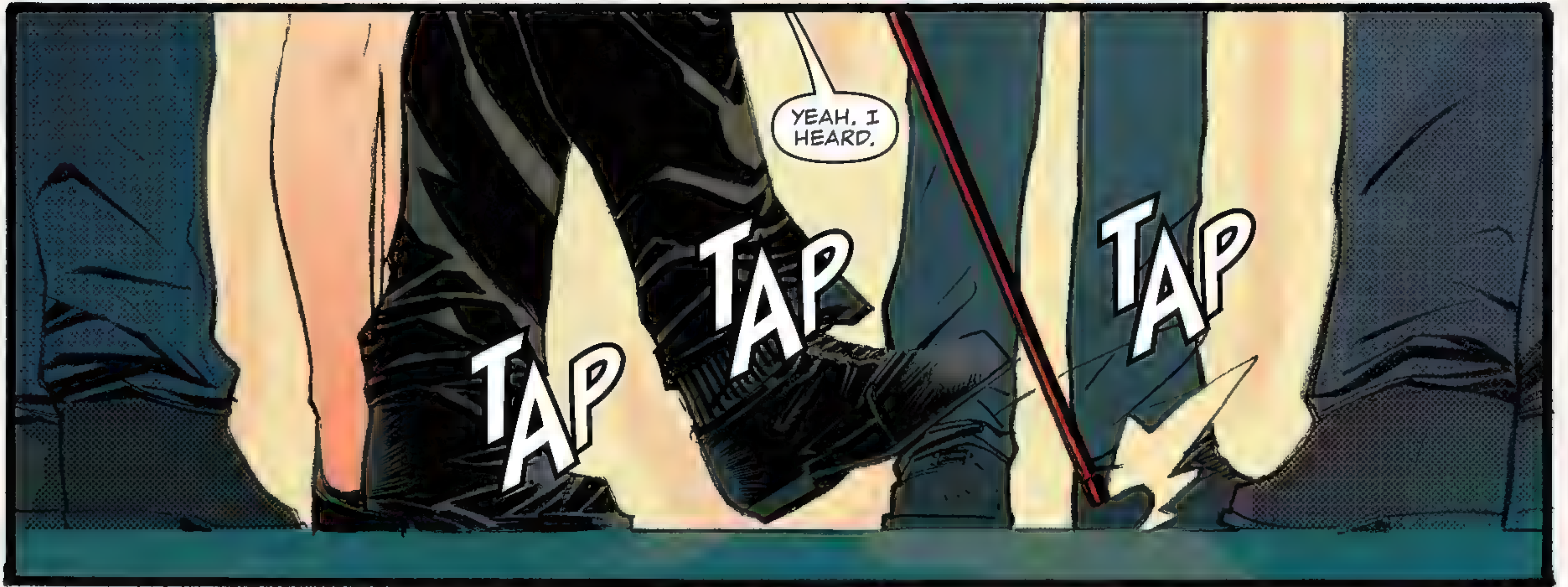
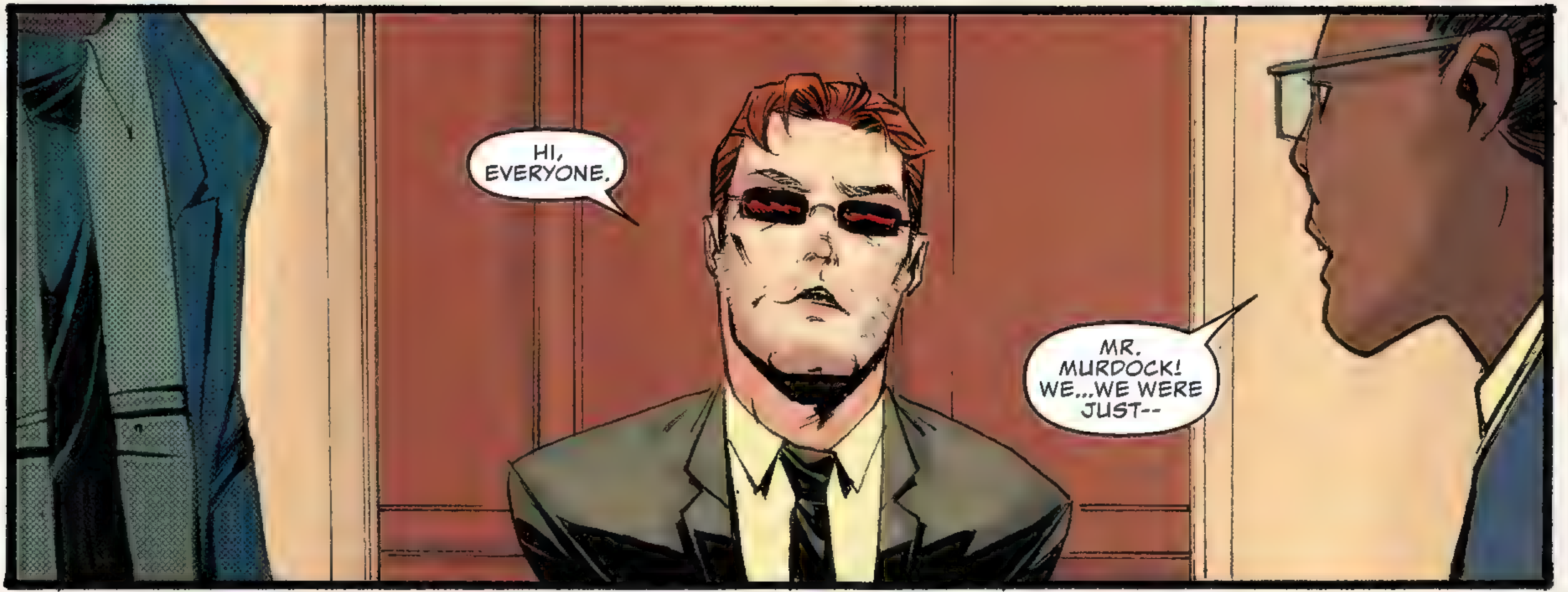
THAT'S RIGHT, AND IT'S NOT REALLY ACCORDING TO ME. IT'S THE LAW.

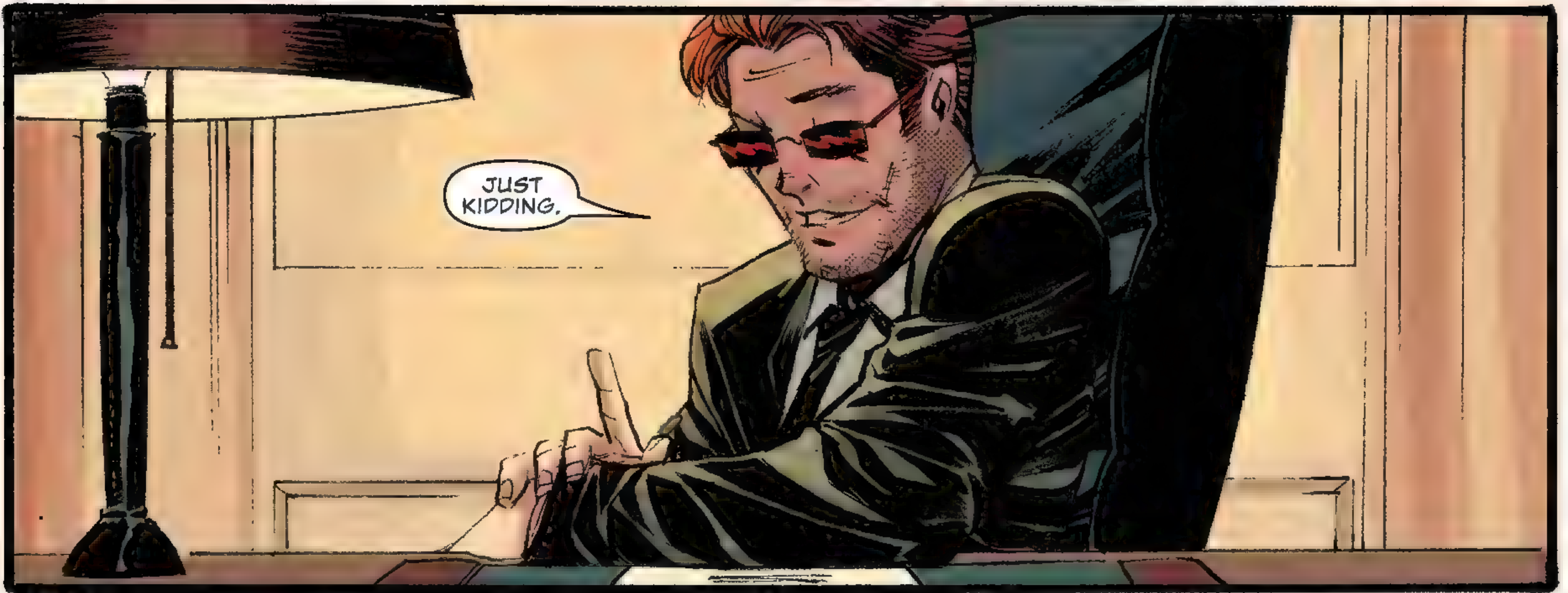
I LOOKED IT UP AGAIN TO BE SURE. THE LAST MAYOR CHANGED THE RULES, AND I GUESS NO ONE GOT AROUND TO CHANGING THEM BACK.

I DON'T CARE WHAT THE RULES SAY. THIS IS A TRICK. AN ATTEMPT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MAYOR FISK WHILE HE'S IN THE HOSPITAL.

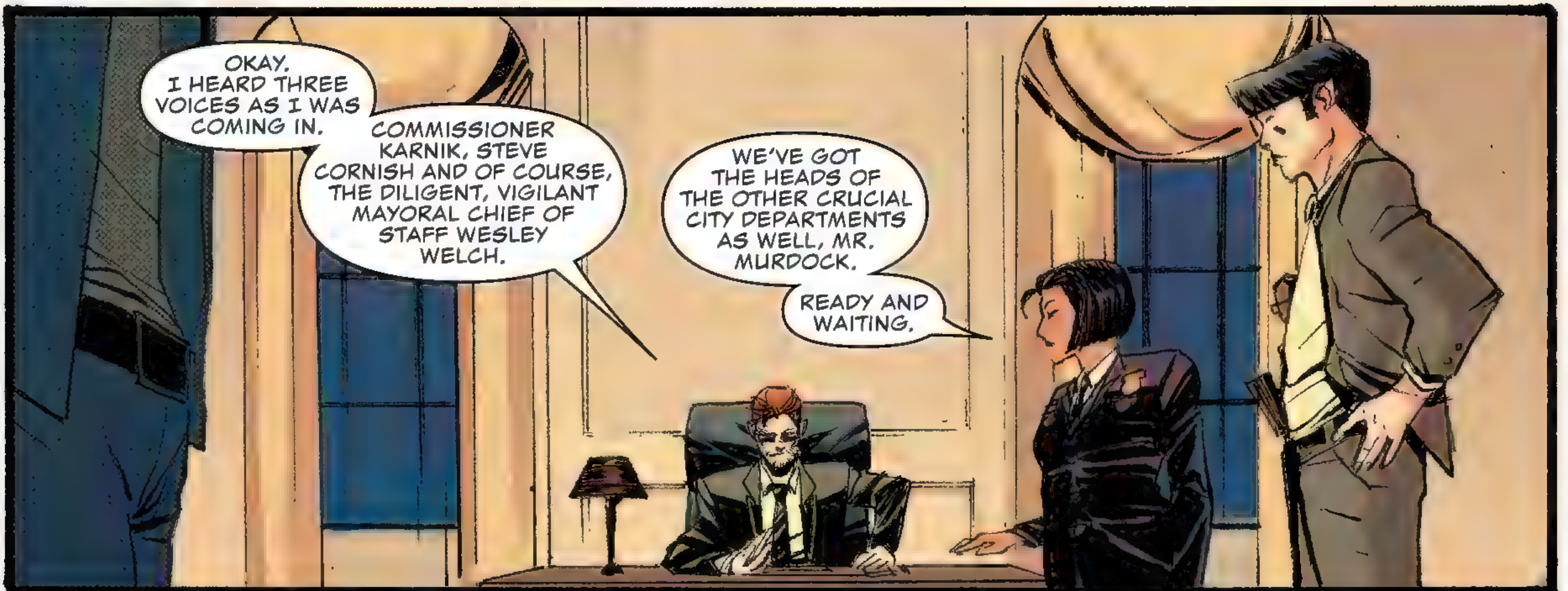
A TRICK? ARE YOU SAYING MATT MURDOCK HIRED AN ARMY OF NINJAS TO SHOOT FISK FULL OF ARROWS?

I WOULDN'T PUT IT PAST HIM.





JUST KIDDING.



OKAY, I HEARD THREE VOICES AS I WAS COMING IN.

COMMISSIONER KARNIK, STEVE CORNISH AND OF COURSE, THE DILIGENT, VIGILANT MAYORAL CHIEF OF STAFF WESLEY WELCH.

WE'VE GOT THE HEADS OF THE OTHER CRUCIAL CITY DEPARTMENTS AS WELL, MR. MURDOCK.

READY AND WAITING.



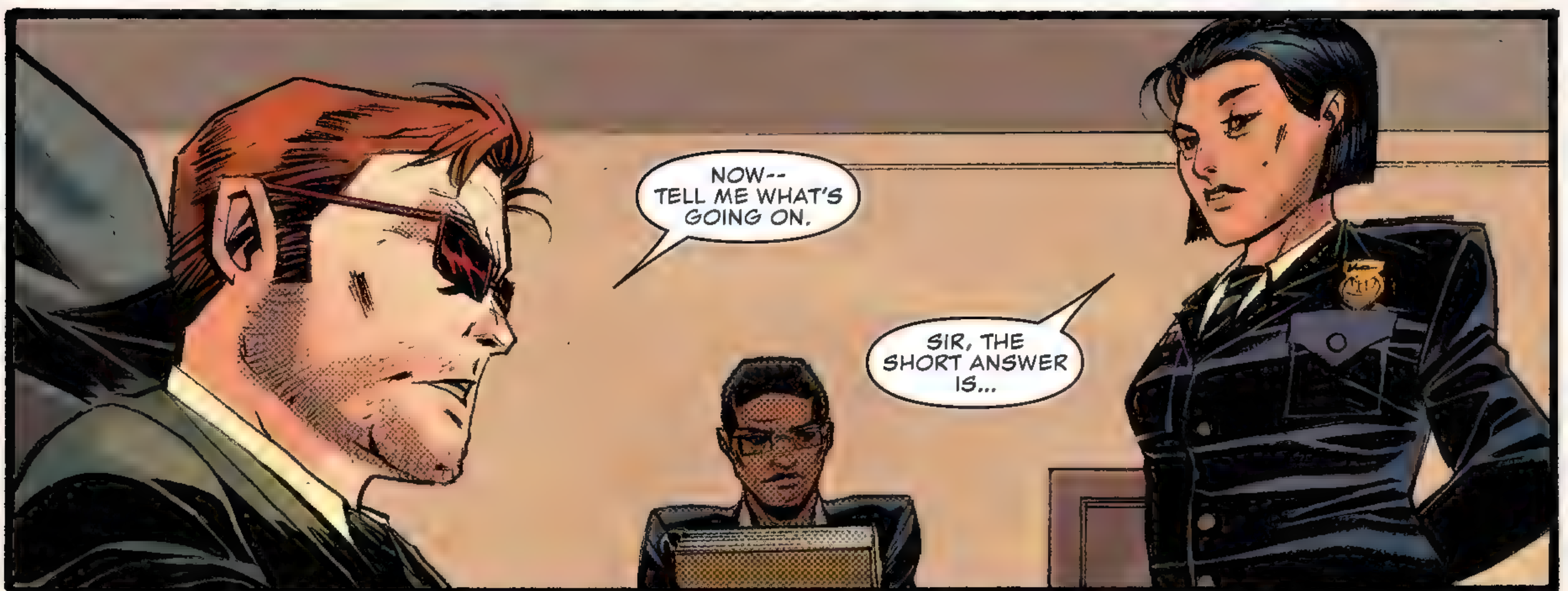
OKAY. I'LL NEED AN UPDATE ON WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE CITY, BUT BEFORE THAT, LET ME TAKE A MOMENT TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO MR. CORNISH.

IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN EASY TO STAND UP AND SAY WHAT YOU DID, TO PUSH AGAINST THE WHOLE SYSTEM AND INSIST YOU WERE RIGHT AND EVERYONE ELSE WAS WRONG.

WELL... RIGHT IS RIGHT. I MEAN... RIGHT?



COULDN'T HAVE SAID IT BETTER MYSELF.



NOW-- TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON.

SIR, THE SHORT ANSWER IS...



"...QUITE A BIT."

"WE HAVE THESE...MARTIAL ARTISTS...POPPING UP ALL OVER THE CITY. THE ATTACK ON MAYOR FISK IN CENTRAL PARK WAS APPARENTLY JUST THE BEGINNING."

CALL THEM WHAT THEY ARE, COMMISSIONER. NINJAS. AN ANCIENT CLAN KNOWN AS THE HAND. UNDEAD ASSASSINS.

THEY WORSHIP A DEMON CALLED THE BEAST--IT'S THE SOURCE OF THEIR POWER.

AND BEFORE YOU ASK HOW I KNOW THAT, REMEMBER THAT I SPEND MORE TIME THAN I SHOULD HANGING OUT WITH SUPER HEROES.

FAIR ENOUGH, THE HAND, THEN.

THEY'RE SHOWING UP ALL OVER MANHATTAN.

MOST OF THE ATTACKS SO FAR SEEM TO BE FOCUSED ON NYPD UNITS, SECURITY GUARDS, EVEN DOORMEN. ANYONE IN UNIFORM.

I SEE.

"THEY'RE GOING AFTER THE CITY'S SOLDIERS FIRST."

I'M SENDING SQUADS OUT IN LARGER GROUPS, BUT THAT MEANS WE CAN'T COVER AS MUCH GROUND.

COMMISSIONER, I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU AS FAR AS HOW TO BEST USE YOUR RESOURCES, BUT THE HAND IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

IT'S TURNING INTO A PRESSURE COOKER. THE FORCE WAS ALREADY HUNGRY FOR PAYBACK AFTER LOSING THOSE OFFICERS AT THE MUSE MURAL, AND NOW...

WE'LL GET THEM TRAINED UP AS FAST AS WE CAN, BUT FOR THE TIME BEING, REMIND YOUR OFFICERS THAT THEIR JOB IS PROTECTING THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY, NOT HUNTING NINJAS.

WESLEY, TELL ME ABOUT FISK. WHAT'S HIS CONDITION?

WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK, MURDOCK? HE GOT HIT WITH ABOUT A HUNDRED ARROWS.

"HIS CONDITION IS TERRIBLE."

"HE'S IN SURGERY AT NEW YORK PRESBYTERIAN. IF ANYONE CAN SURVIVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT, IT'S WILSON FISK, BUT..."

HE WON'T BE BACK HERE ANYTIME SOON.

I... NO, PROBABLY NOT.

SIR, I HAVE A QUESTION. ARE WE JUST GOING TO SURRENDER THE CITY TO THE HAND?

IF YOU WON'T LET THE NYPD GO AFTER THEM...THEN WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO?

COMMISSIONER...

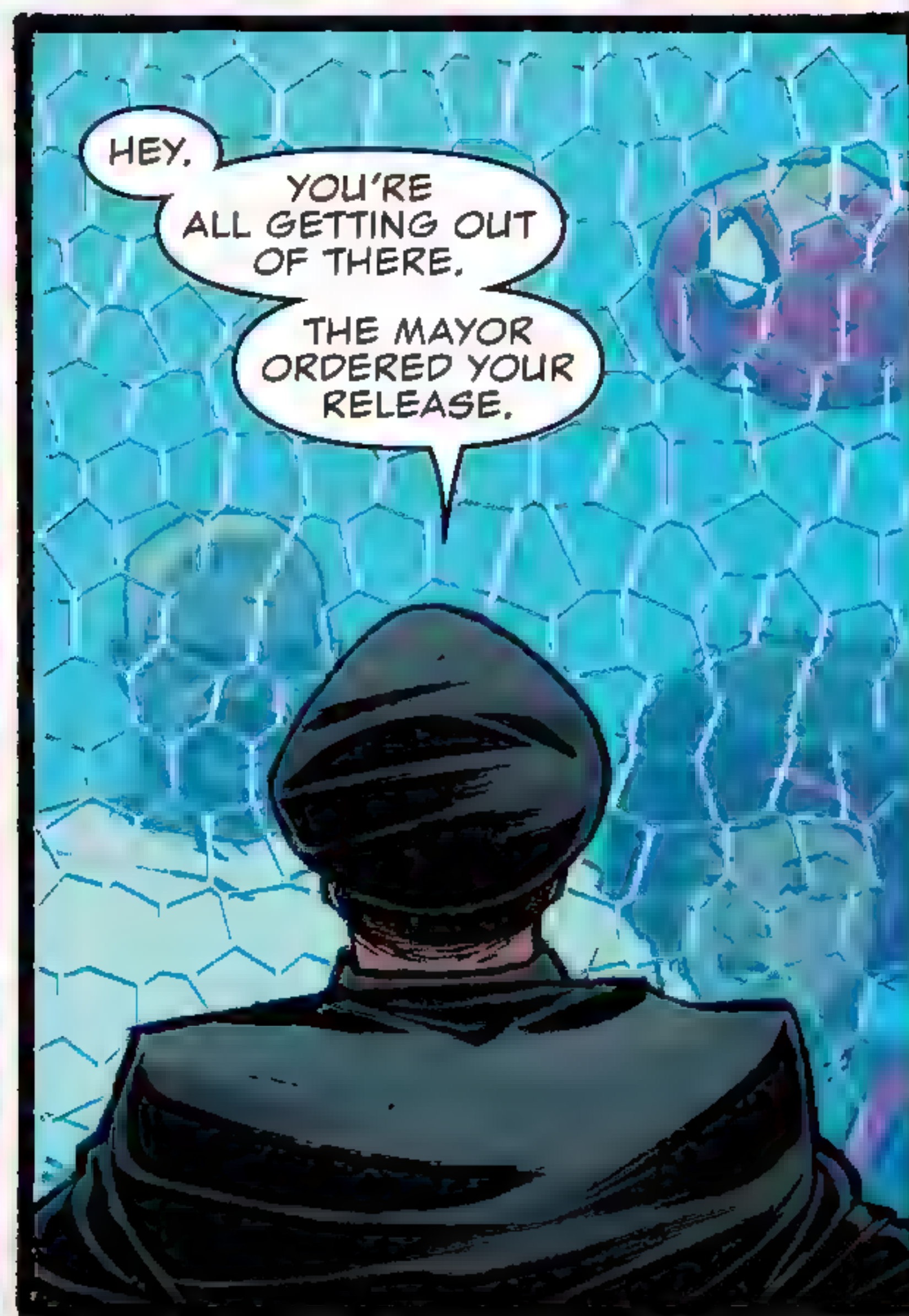
"...I'M GLAD YOU ASKED."

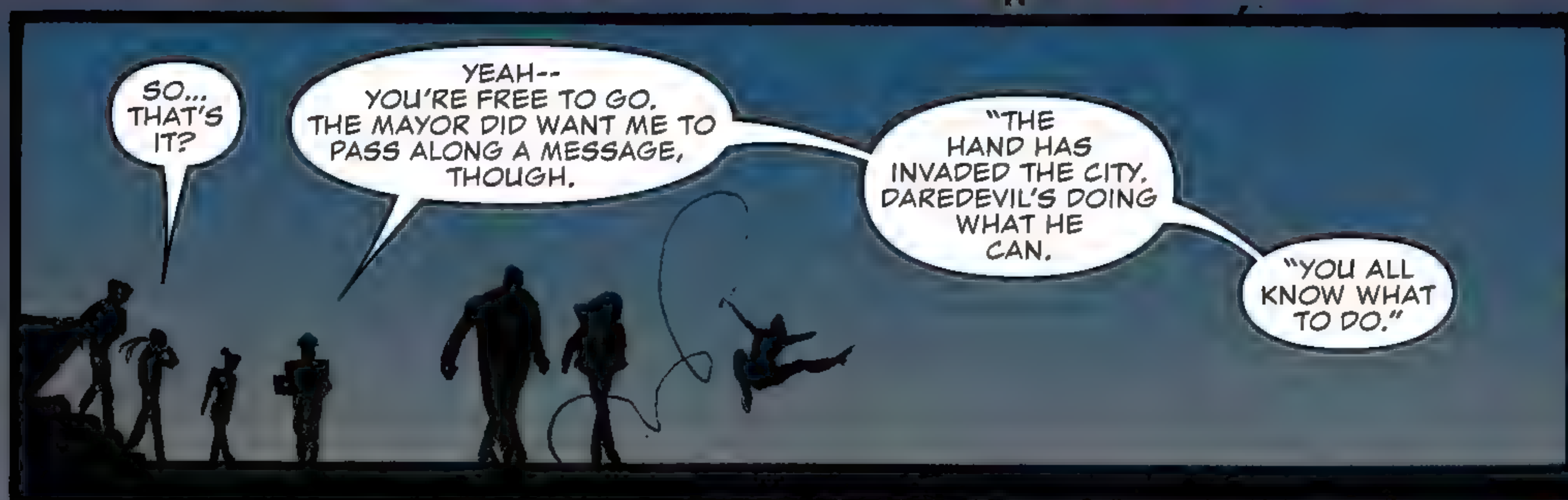
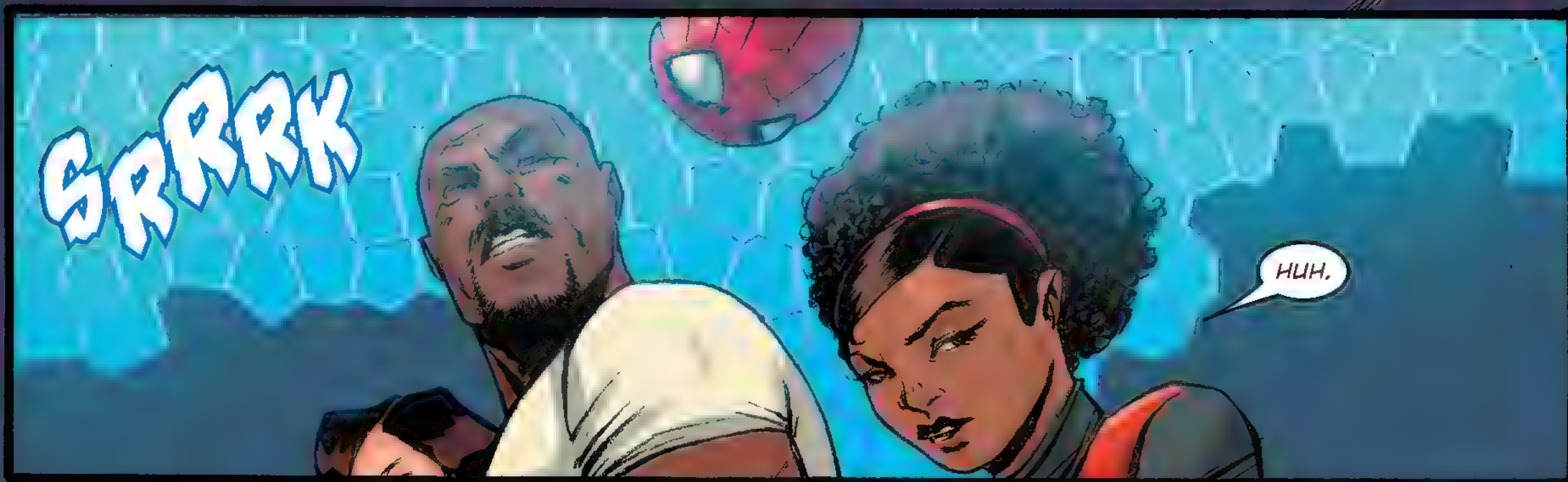
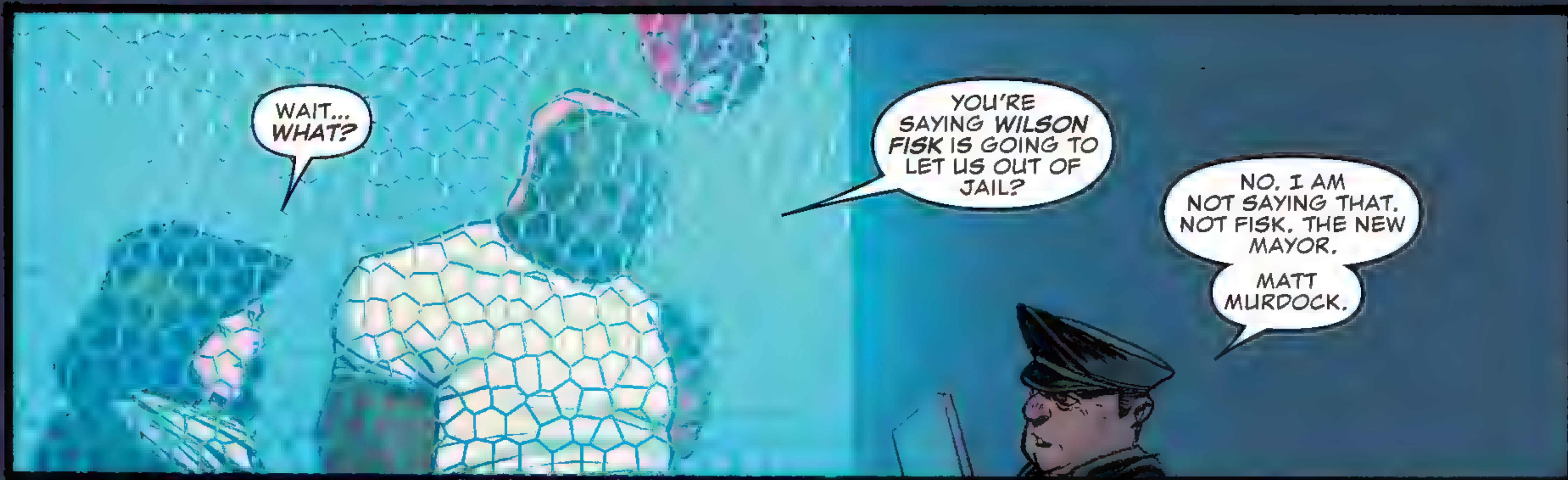
RYKER'S ISLAND.

ENHANCED-HUMAN
DETENTION UNIT.

HOW
LONG DOES
THAT WEBBING
LAST, SPIDER-
MAN?

AN
HOUR.







YOU CANNOT LET THOSE... VIGILANTES LOOSE, MURDOCK!

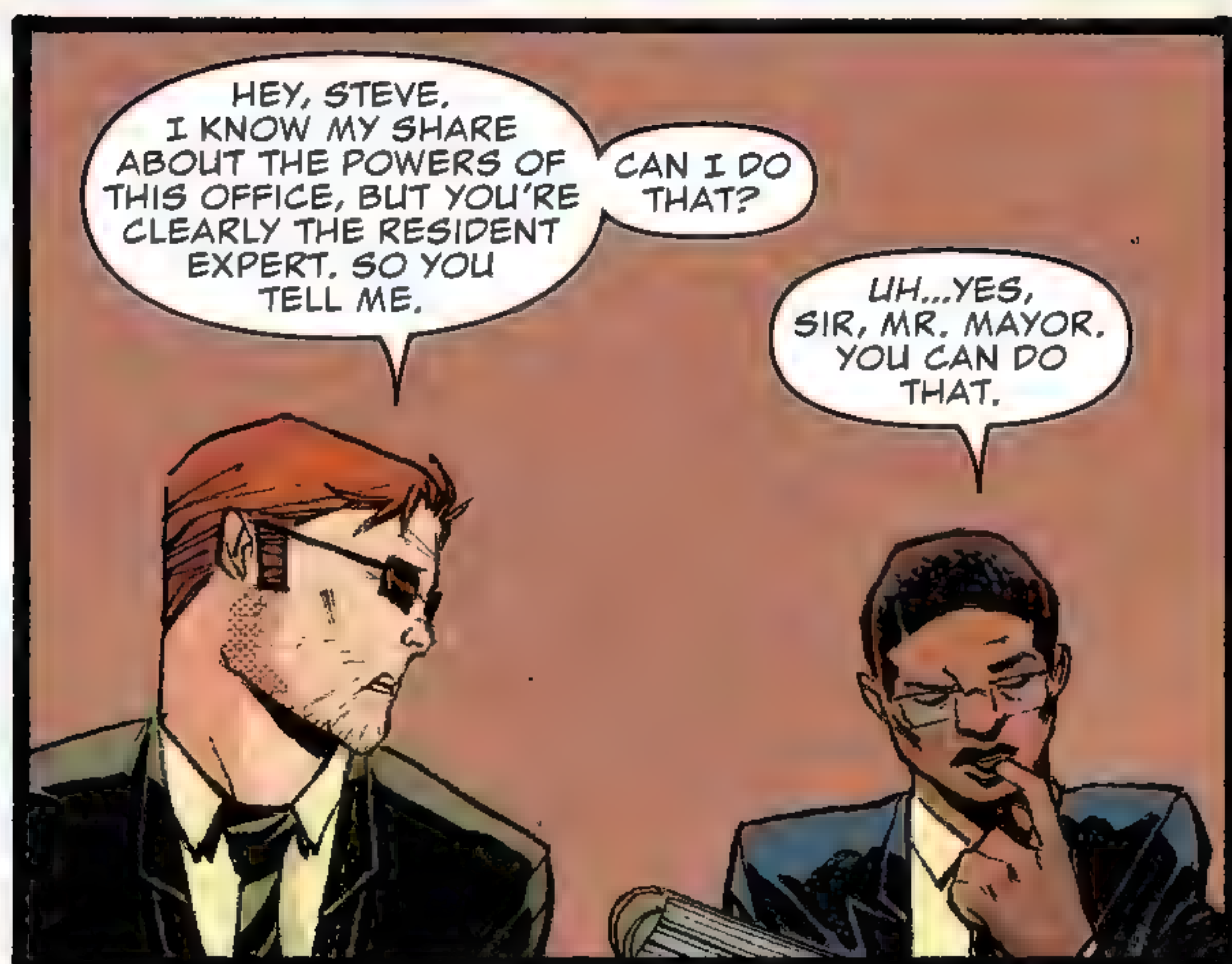
THEY WERE ARRESTED AS PART OF A LEGITIMATE STING OPERATION BY THE NYPD. THEY'RE CRIMINALS.

CRIMINALS, HUH? AWFULLY QUICK CONVICTION, CONSIDERING THEY WERE BROUGHT IN TONIGHT.

I THINK YOU MEAN *SUSPECTS*, AND I THINK YOU'LL FIND THE D.A.'S OFFICE IS DISINCLINED TO PROSECUTE, CONSIDERING THE CITY'S CURRENT CRISIS.



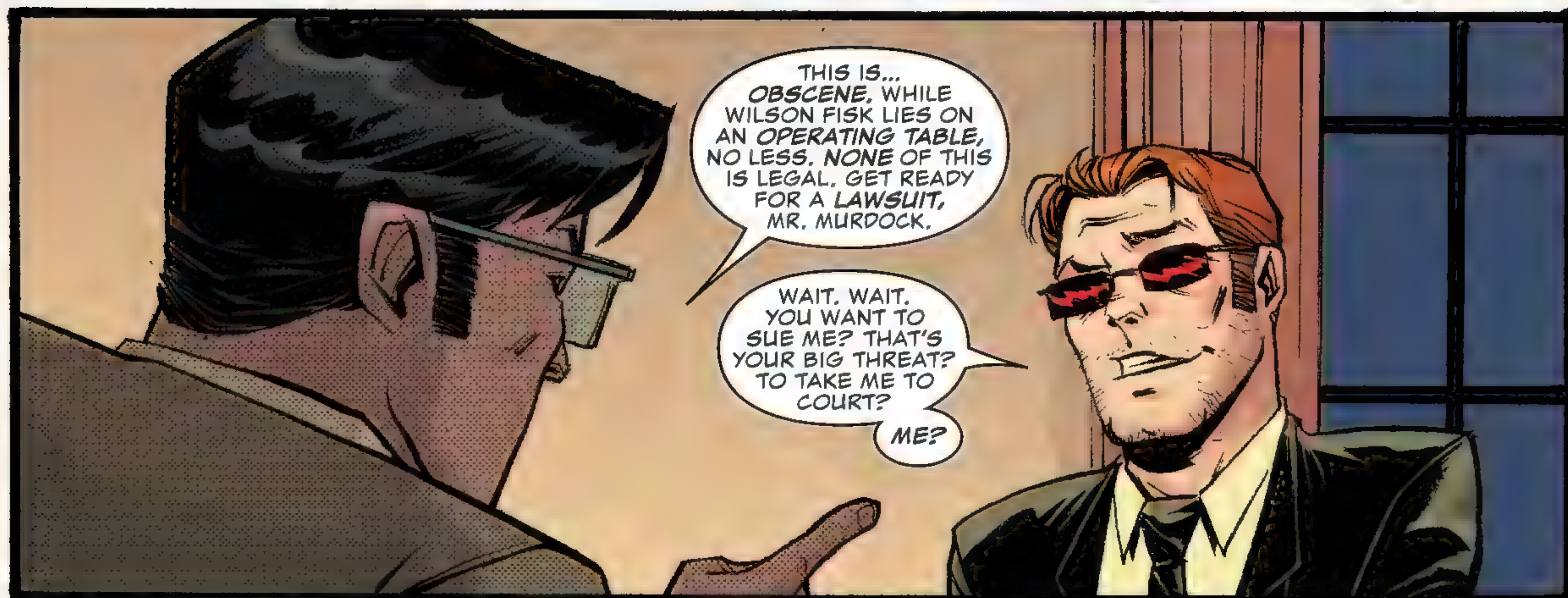
YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST DISMANTLE EVERYTHING MAYOR FISK WAS TRYING TO DO? YOU CAN'T DO THAT!



HEY, STEVE. I KNOW MY SHARE ABOUT THE POWERS OF THIS OFFICE, BUT YOU'RE CLEARLY THE RESIDENT EXPERT. SO YOU TELL ME.

CAN I DO THAT?

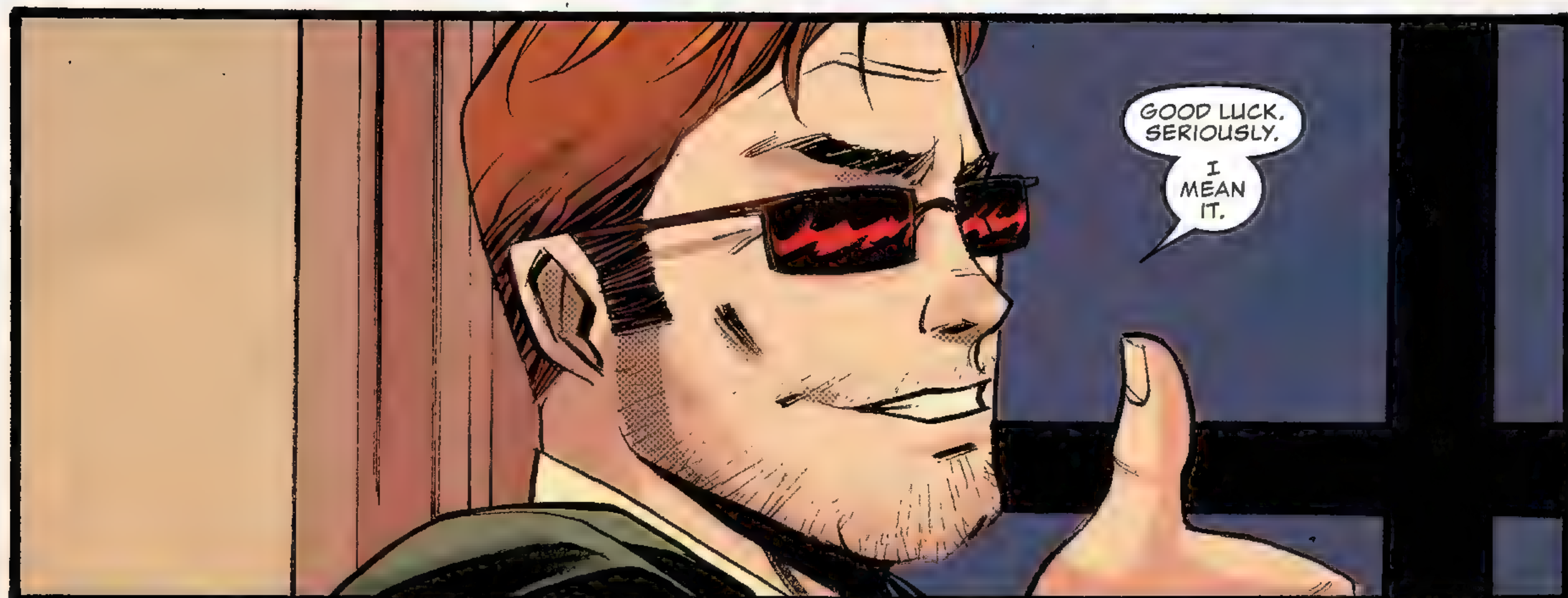
UH...YES, SIR, MR. MAYOR. YOU CAN DO THAT.



THIS IS... OBSCENE, WHILE WILSON FISK LIES ON AN OPERATING TABLE, NO LESS. NONE OF THIS IS LEGAL. GET READY FOR A LAWSUIT, MR. MURDOCK.

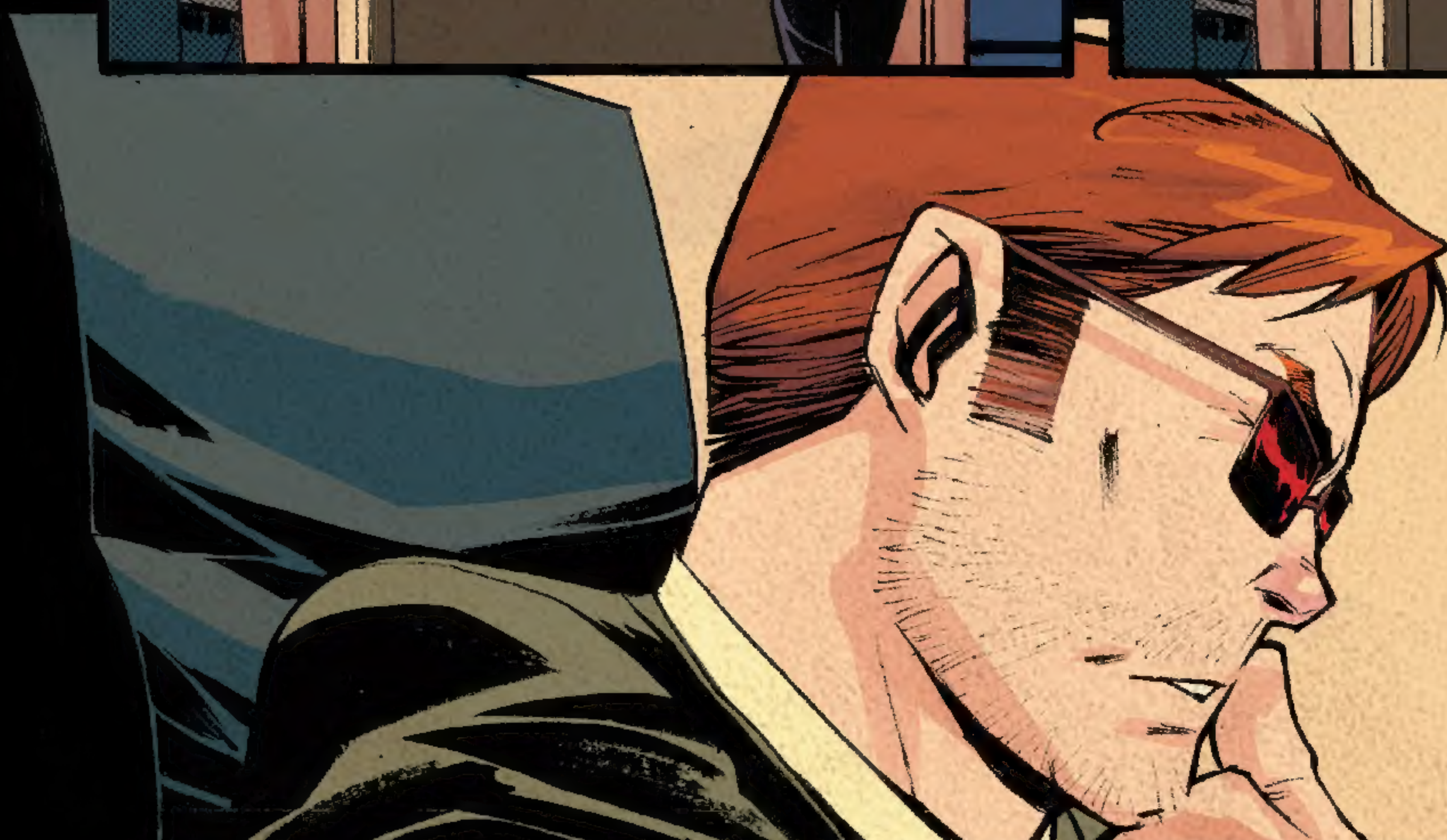
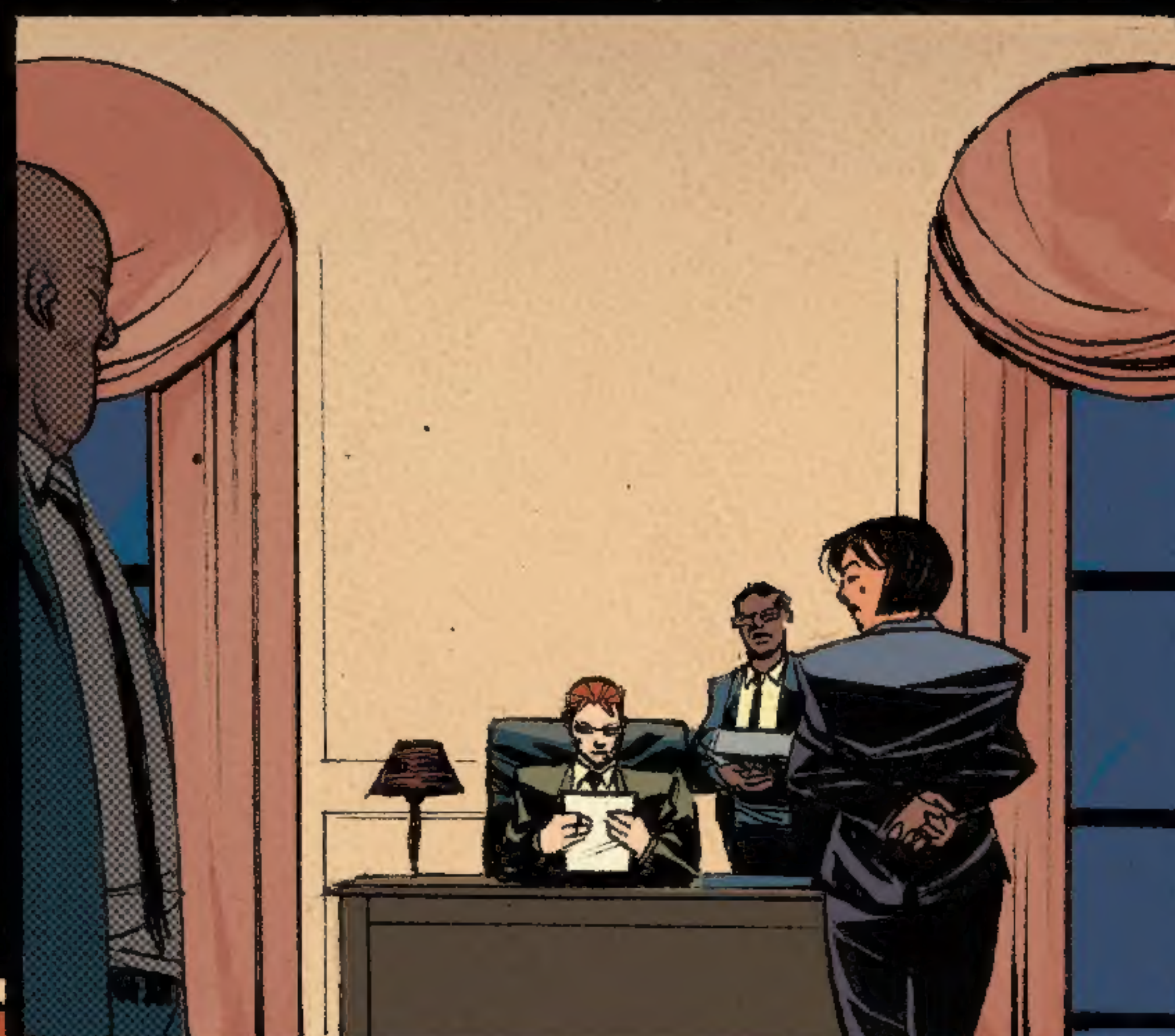
WAIT. WAIT. YOU WANT TO SUE ME? THAT'S YOUR BIG THREAT? TO TAKE ME TO COURT?

ME?



GOOD LUCK. SERIOUSLY.

I MEAN IT.



TEMPLE OF THE BEAST.



NEXT

**HEROES
COUNTERATTACK...**



**...WHILE BLINDSPOT
JOINS THE FIGHT...**



**...BUT NYC'S
TIME IS UP.**



**WHAT IS
THE HAND'S
REAL PLAN?**



DAREDEVIL #602 ON SALE NEXT MONTH

